(*b*) the number of eviction suits as between landlord and tenant in all the Civil Courts in the State in the year 1113?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 11.

(*b*) 442.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Is there any connection between maintenance and eviction suits?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I do not know the connection. What is wanted is given.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): I want this information for use in some other connection.

DIWAN'S RECENT VISIT TO DELHI—OBJECT OF.

430. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Will the Government be pleased to state the object of the recent visit of the Diwan to Delhi?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): To attend the Meeting of Ministers of States and also for discussing certain outstanding matters with the Government of India

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): It is for getting some details of the work done by the Diwan during his recent visit to Delhi, that I asked this question.

Mr. President: It is not possible to give the details. I had discussions with the Government of India and the rulers of certain States. Final decisions have not been reached in these matters. When final decisions are taken I have taken this House into confidence and given them details even without asking. Regarding the discussion which I had during my recent visit to Delhi, that stage has not reached.

APPOINTMENTS BY STAFF SELECTION BOARD—TALUK-WAR REPRESENTATION.

431. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the fact, or the same has been brought to their notice, that a fair proportion of the appointments made by the Staff Selection Board is not being obtained by certain taluks of the State;

(*b*) the number of appointments permanent and acting made on the recommendation of the Staff Selection Board during the last quarter of 1113;

(*c*) how many of them were given to applicants from the Talappalli Taluk?

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Representations have been made to Government that appointments may be made on Taluk-war basis without affecting the principle of communal justice.

	Permanent	Officiating
(*b*)	15	131
(*c*)	1	19

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state why there is a disparity in giving these appointments to the various taluks? You have given only a few appointments to the Talappalli taluk.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Talappalli taluk is only one of the six. Out of 131, they have already got 19. I think it is probably more than they deserve.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): May I know whether it is possible to reconcile communal representation as far as taluks are concerned?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): That is given as answer to the next question.

432. Mr K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from anybody requesting them to accept the principle of taluk-war representation in appointments by the Staff Selection Board without detriment to the communal ratio;

(*b*) whether the question has been considered by the Government; if so, what was the result;

(*c*) will the Government be pleased to print and place on the table of the House a statement showing the proportion each taluk has received in appointments with reference to the appointments made by the Board in its last two sittings;

(*d*) have the Government noted that some taluks in the State have not been represented properly and proportionately?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. Government could not accept the suggestion as territorial considerations could not be imported into the methods of recruitment to public service.

(*c*) *Taluk*	*Appointments*
Cochin-Kanayannur	27
Cranganur	

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Mukundapuram	16
Trichur	11
Talappalli	5
Chittur	5

(*d*) Yes. It is not however possible to take Taluk-war representation into account over and above the communal proportion.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): What is the difficulty in giving taluk-war representation?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Seniority in service has always to be taken into account in making appointments. If taluk-war basis is to be taken into consideration, then it will affect the seniority question. This is so far as thrown-out hands are concerned. But with regard to new entrants, this aspect is considered as far as possible in making appointments. I do not think we have had occasion to take a number of new entrants, because there are a lot of thrown-out hands in the waiting lists even now.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to consider the case of unrepresented taluks, when the thrown-out hands are absorbed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): What is the difficulty in reconciling communal representation according to the taluk representation?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): The matter is not so very simple as you seem to think. Supposing in the waiting list, there are 10 hands all coming from the Cochin-Kanayannur taluk and none from the Talappalli and Mukundapuram taluks, what shall we do?

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Then the rules will have to be amended. Why not amend them?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I am speaking now of the present rules. As regards the question of amending the rules, this question will have to be considered when we review things at the end of 3 years.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Has the Diwan received representations from the Trichur and Talappalli taluks that they also should be given better representation in the public services?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. We have received representations even signed by a number of members of this House itself.

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): How is it that senior hands happened to be from the other taluks?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Befor the Staff Selection Board was constituted, so many appointments were made and it so happened that many of them belonged to some particular taluks.

Mr. K M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): Will the Government be pleased to note the fact that Cranganur is the worst sufferer? (*Laughter*).

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Do Government accept the position that certain taluks are not sufficiently represented in the services?

Mr. President: Is it the implication of the hon'ble member by the question that Government recognises the necessity for taluk-war representation?

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): I ask whether it is a question of fact?

Mr. President: The facts are already stated. The Government do not concede the implication that in the recruitment to public services, it is necessary to give consideration to taluk-war principle.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): In view of the fact that there are taluks like Chittur and Talappalli which have not got at present adequate representation, will the Government consider this aspect also so far as the new entrants are concerned?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): All things being equal, cannot the case of these unrepresented taluks be considered?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): That is what is being done. The House may rest assured that the members of the Staff Selection Board consider all these things when they advise the Government regarding these appointments.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): In the answer, it is stated that it is not possible to take taluk-wise representation into account?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): But, it is only as a matter of policy, because there will be practical difficulties.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): Then why is it, although not as a matter of policy, that taluk-war principle could not be accepted?

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): But your answer does not make it clear. You simply give a negative reply. In (*d*) you simply say "It is not however possible to take taluk-war representation, into account over and above the communal proportion".

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): As a matter of policy, over and above communal representation, this cannot be taken into account.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): It need not be followed as a matter of policy. But why not Government take it as one of the considerations in making these appointments?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I have already explained that so far as initial recruitment is concerned, we are trying to give consideration for this aspect also. We are doing that in fact.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): I request .....

Mr. President: The Secretary has answered your question three times.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): But the number of appointments in the list shows that a sufficiently large representation is given to the Cochin-Kanayannur taluk.

Mr. President: The Secretary has explained on so many occasions that there are still acting hands to be given appointments and that the stage to appointment new recruits on a large scale has not been reached.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): But when all things are equal, the necessity for recruiting from these backward taluks may be considered.

Mr. President: Government do not classify them as backward and depressed taluks.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): By backward taluk, I mean taluk which is least represented in the services.

Mr. President: We cannot territorially divide the State into backward and depressed taluks. I am giving this categorical answer because often times these questions are repeated.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Am I to understand then that the question of giving proper representation to those taluks which are not properly represented in the

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services, will not be considered by the Government?

Mr. President: The Secretary has answered that while it cannot be accepted as a matter of policy, in practice, the Staff Selection Board is giving every consideration to that.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): If taluk-war basis is taken into consideration, will not there be a cry for village-war, house-war and individual-war representation? (*Laughter*).

AFRICAN CASHEW-NUTS—IMPORTATION OF.

433. Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether African cashew-nuts are now freely imported into India;

(*b*) whether such unrestricted importation is not detrimental to the interests of cashew-nut growers in the State;

(*c*) whether any efforts have been made to restrict such imports?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There is free import of African cashew-nuts into India.

(*b*) When import increases supply, demand remaining the same, the growers will be affected detrimentally.

(*c*) No efforts have been made to restrict such imports.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): Will the Government be pleased to address the Government of India in this matter?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): I may state for the information of the hon'ble member that the All-India Cashew-Nut Merchants' Association in Madras has already sent a detailed memorandum to the Government of India urging the necessity for a restriction in the import of African cashew-nuts.

There are a good number of cashew-nut curing factories in this part of the country. We have got only one in Cochin State. There is one in Alwaye and another at Quilon. If restriction is imposed, then these factories may have to give up work and thousands of employees working in these factories will have to go without work. That means all labour will be concentrated in the Portuguese and the French portions of India. So we have to consider twice before we take such a measure. Now the matter has already been brought to the notice of the Imperial Government by the Association in Madras.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): May I know Sir, whether cashew-nut planting industry is not a growing industry in the State?

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